

# Kappa Nuws

March 2001 Edition

## Tau Kappa Epsilon

## Kappa Nu Chapter

### Alumni TKE n' Date

Alumni support is key to the survival of the Kappa Nu chapter. Frater Mike (Mooch) Muckerman has been working to organize an alumni TKE n' Date. The event is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Old TKE House.

The event will cost \$35 per couple and should prove to be a great time. The cost will cover everything, including liquor. For information contact Mike at [MOOCHERMAN@msn.com](mailto:MOOCHERMAN@msn.com) or me at [Bobbyo13@hotmail.com](mailto:Bobbyo13@hotmail.com).

### Golf Tournament

The TKE Alumni Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, June 16, 2001 at 7:00 a.m. at Dub's Dread Golf Club, 12601 Hollingsworth Road in Kansas City, Kansas. Please contact Todd Barrett for further information at (H) 816-822-718 or (W) 816-523-3000. His e-mail address is [ToddCBarrett@yahoo.com](mailto:ToddCBarrett@yahoo.com)

### New TKE House

Kappa Nu experienced a very exciting event last October when we were officially given the keys to our new TKE House. The house, at 5316 Lydia, has been a huge asset to the fraternity. We have hosted two date parties at the house, a Thanksgiving mixer with Zeta Tau Alpha, and a host of other parties. We did not have an official chapter house last year after it was torn down to expand parking.

### Prytanis Report

Dear Fraters,

My name is Rich Wikiera and I am the new Prytanis this year. This year is promising to be a very good one despite one or two early conflicts with the school.

One of our goals is to increase our contact with the alumni so that we may keep our strong traditions consistent through generations. Some of the things we have done are setting up an alumni web-site, starting an alumni pig roast in the fall and having an alumni TKE n' Date at the Old TKE House this March.

We have a great new pledge class and our members seem to be more involved in the fraternity and on campus.

We had one problem at the beginning of the year when the Greek Director put us on probation for having street signs in our new TKE house. The Greek Director is new this year and somewhat hard to deal with, but we are making progress.

The SAEs lost their chapter for two and a half years. We have taken measures in supporting the SAEs on this because we feel that the school made a decision that does not support the promotion and expansion of Greek life.

We would like to hear from you alumni, so please check out our alumni web-site. Hopefully you will be hearing many good things about the Kappa Nu TKEs in the next year.

Rich Wikiera, Prytanis

### Spring and Fall Pledge Classes

Frater Andy Carpenter and Frater Rob Herr were formally initiated last fall as the

921<sup>st</sup> and 922<sup>nd</sup> members of Kappa Nu. We have 15 outstanding pledges this spring. Frater David Gill is doing a great job leading them as their Hegemon.

Ryan Blay- Shawnee, KS  
Pete Matthews- Lanexa, KS  
Kevin Lamb- St. Louis  
Jeremy Gertken- St. Louis  
Mark Toombs- St. Louis  
Joe Danti- St. Louis  
Jake Tiernan- St. Louis  
Matt Wilson- St. Louis  
Joe McGauley- St. Louis  
Jason Ottenod- St. Louis  
Pete Donovan- St. Louis  
Tim Brady- Omaha  
Mike Nolan- St. Louis  
Frank Meyers- St. Louis  
Joe Walterbach- St. Louis

#### New Officers

Prytanis- Rich Wikiera  
Epi-Prytanis- Mike Duvall  
Grammateus- Chris Trani  
Crysophylos- Matt Devereaux  
Histor- Bobby O'Connor  
Hypophetes- Brian Pundmann  
Pylortes- Joe Sullivan  
Jens Thiede  
Hegemon: David Gill

#### Kappa Nu Recognized for Alumni Support

Our chapter was given an awarded this past year in recognition of outstanding alumni support. The award credited Kappa Nu alumni for continued involvement and outstanding exemplification of the ideals of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

#### Two Fraters study abroad

Frater Bob Malone and Frater Jon Uridil, both juniors, both have chosen to study in Galloway, Ireland. We wish them luck and congratulate them on their acceptance to the program.

#### Intramural Report

After capturing the Rockhurst Intramural Championship last year, we have had a solid year thus far, and are on pace to capture the title this year as well.

After a disappointing performance in the softball tournament, TKE I entered the fall soccer tournament. We lost only one game in a five-game round robin and defeated a tough freshmen team in the semifinals 1-0 on a goal by guest player Brandon Thorpe. In the finals, we played SAE I, and played an extremely emotional, fast-paced, but defensive game. After a shaky first half kept scoreless by senior Trent Summers' superb goaltending, senior Jens Thiede scored about half way through the second half. The defense, anchored by senior Virgil Staponski and sophomores Mike Duvall, Chris Trani and Chris Miller held tight as TKE I celebrated its first soccer crown in three years.

After an earlier than expected defeat in the volleyball tournament, TKE I quickly reached the finals of the basketball tournament held in late January-early February. Guest player Jason Taylor along with Staponski, senior Todd Steffans, alum Nick Muchovicz, and junior Denny McKee provided scoring. TKE I played into overtime versus SAE I, only to lose 69-66. The game was as exciting as anyone could remember, with great crowd participation from our side.

TKE I captured the football crown with a tough win over a team of GDIs. The squas was anchored by sophomore running back/linebacker Joe Sullivan, linemen Ashley Pouche, Rob Herr, and Staponski, along with Summers at quarterback and freshman receiver Tim Brady.

### Alumni Updates and Announcements

Frater Larry Lammers and his wife Karen (Lang) Lammers are expecting their third child due May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Frater Steve Franke, 1996, and Jennifer Franke, 1996, gave birth to their first child, Caroline Rose Franke, on December 16, 2000.

Frater Chuck Haller, pledge class of 1983, and his wife Kathy have a new baby girl, Ann Margaret Haller, born on February 13, 2001.

Frater Matt Muckerman recently got engaged to Kristin Bergner, a 1997 Rockhurst graduate.

Frater Mark Long was married last July to Aimee Jacobs.

Congratulations to Frater Joe Accurso for taking a new job with J.P. Fogel as an Industrial Real Estate Agent.

Frater Sean Kelly will be getting married this May.

### Notes from the Histor

The events so far this year have strengthened the brotherhood and unity of this fraternity tremendously. Our chapter has had its share of ups and downs this year but we have persevered and are getting even stronger. For example our sophomore class, Apollo 13, did an outstanding job with rush and brought in a class that I think could be one of the best ever.

Also, our new house has been a great addition to the fraternity. We have already have decorated the house and have it in tip-top shape.

Frater Trent Summers, our Prytanis last semester, and Frater Rich Wikiera, our current Prytanis have been stretched to the limit by Michael McDearmon, our new Director of Greek Affairs. Needless to say we are very unhappy with the way McDearmon and his supervisor, Dean of Students Liz Brent, have been handling the

Greeks. The school is putting the clamps on Greek life.

We had been dominating the party scene and campus life, as usual, until January 15, 2001. That is when McDearmon slapped a very dubious month long probation on us. The charge was having stolen street signs in our house. We felt that the situation was handled in an unfair manner since, first, the signs had been in the fraternity for over ten years, and secondly, since we were not warned.

Rockhurst's assault on Greek life continued on February 13 when they slapped a two and a half-year probation on the SAEs for hazing. The SAEs hearing by Rockhurst was conducted in a very unjudicial manner. The punishment possibly was warranted but the way it was handled was very adverse to the promotion of Greek affairs at Rockhurst. Obviously we are mad and so is much of the Rockhurst community. With the support of much of the student body, the faculty, and of course their alumni, the SAE's fight is not over.

Through all of this turmoil Kappa Nu has thrived this year, although our officers have endured endless headaches. With our success in intramurals, our great pledge class and our leadership on campus we truly are "the best thing on campus."

I would appreciate if anyone that has suggestions or news for the Kappa Nuws would contact me. We would greatly appreciate any donations that you could afford to help out the chapter. You can e-mail, write or call me.

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Yours in the Bond,

Bobby O'Connor, Histor